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Have no wish to expatiate upon those scenes of error and unbrotherly strife which occurred upon the floor of the Senate when the causes implicated in the report of Mr. Clay were under consideration. Those scenes were most painful and mortifying to me at the time of their passage; it would be doubly painful and mortifying to me now to find myself compelled to recur to them. They are in truth, with me only important lessons of the past history of the country, and I never again to be constrained to remark upon them in a different spirit. But still, it constrains me to remind you fellow-citizens that I approved all the main features of the Plan of Adjustment, whilst that was yet a subject of debate in Congress, and aided, as far as was in my power, in obtaining such modification of the original scheme of the Committee as seemed to be necessary to secure for it that cordial sanction and support, which it has since received from all true patriots, whether resident in the North or in the South, in the East or in the West, at least all such may be willing to yield a "secret maintenance to the common bond and a true devotion to the sacred brotherhood of the Union." I hope to have pardoned for saying, in language used by a few months since, whilst addressing a large popular audience: "The season of strife and contention has now past by. Faction has at last laid itself to rest. The howlings of fanatical madness are no longer threatening with hideous train that is most valuable in the institutions of our country. The faint and feeble moanings of baffled magogism, are making themselves audible for the time and amidst general ridicule and contempt our halls of national legislation. Experience has so triumphantly demonstrated the wisdom and wholesome efficacy of the measures of Com-